

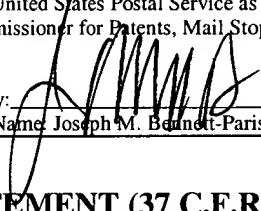
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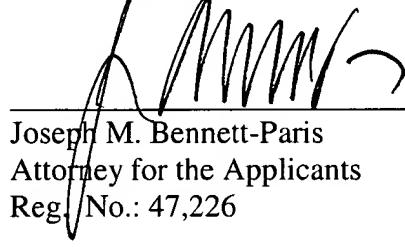
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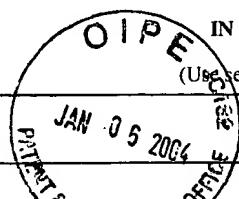
  
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	A1	Bouchie et al., "Business and Regulatory News Briefs," <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> , Vol. 21:473-475 (2003).
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	A3	Dennis, "Chinese Fusion Method Promises Fresh Route to Human Stem Cells," <i>Nature</i> , Vol. 424:711 (2003)
	A4	Loi et al, "Genetic Rescue of an Endangered Mammal by Cross-Species Nuclear Transfer Using Post-Mortem Somatic Cells," <i>Nature Biotechnology</i> , Vol. 19, 962-964 (2001).
	A5	Ryder, "Birth and Postnatal Management of Cloned Banteng Calves," (Abstract Only)

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